

Sermon Notes

Title: The Relationship Choice
Text: Matthew 5:7 (TEV); Matthew 5:7,9 (TEV)
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Introduction:

- A. Mercy is what we have received from our Heavenly Father.
[Matthew 5:7](#)
- B. In showing mercy we become peacemakers.
[Matthew 5:9](#)

Body:

- I. In this way we show ourselves to be the children of God.
 - A. When we are merciful to others that validates God's decision to be merciful to us.
[Matthew 18:21-35](#)
 - B. Unforgiveness destroys the peace.
[Matthew 18:34-35](#)
- II. Human relationships are prone to conflict and hostility.
 - A. This has been the most tragic result of our fall into sin.
 - B. Adam threw Eve under the bus.
 - C. Cain, being envious of his brother, killed Able.
- III. God is a God of mercy and peace.
[Matthew 9:13](#)
 - A. God has made a way whereby He can give mercy to sinners.
 - B. We then are called to join Him in peacemaking.
[Matthew 5:9](#)

Conclusion:

- A. Who do you need to make peace with?
- B. Have you made peace with God?

Life Application:

1. Pray and ask God to bring to mind the names of those you have wronged and need to seek forgiveness.
2. Make a list and start making peace with them one by one. If they can't be located then clear it with the Lord.
3. Then ask God to bring to mind all those who have wronged you that you need to forgive from the heart and do so one by one as you pray.